WHEN BEN CAME HOME

By LESTER ROSE.

Vesta sunk wearily upon a shoe box though you were too weak to walk. I've and stared forlornly about her. The last done twice as much as you have to-day last nail had been driven home into the half as tired as you do. Stop mooning proaching pedestrian, nor heeded his pres-shoe bex, which contained the books that here in the dark and come out and have ence until a brown hand closed over her this remedy in full for the benefit of all. were to be kept out for the new home. a cup of tea."

The test of the beloved library ramained "I don't feel like eating," answered The rest of the beloved library remained in the cases, gaps showing where the se-

lections had been made,

The corner of the lower shelf had been the resting place of the blue and silver "Pilgrim's Progress" ever since Vesta could remember, a book to be taken out Sunday afternoons and carried to the gentle mother, who patiently explained time after time the meaning of the fascinating wood cuts,

encyclopedias had been. She had bought those with the eggs and butter money. As her eyes roamed over the partly filled cases she could fill every gap from mem-

And as it was with the books, so was it with the rest of the household belongings. Here and there a blank corner reminded her of some familiar object now stacked in the woodshed. Very little was to be shipped, for the way was far and freight rates were high. To-morrow the neighbors would gather and John Berwin would hang out the red flag. By nightfall the house would be emptied and its contents scattered through the farmhouse for miles around,

Tears came unbidden to Vesta's eyes as she looked about. Her earliest memorie were of the homely living-room with its rag carpet and the comfortable rocking chairs on either side of the stove in winter or standing in front of the north windows in summer, when the double sashes New smart patent leather shoes have striped black were taken down and the wind blew and white cloth tops. through the house, softly scented by the blooms from the orchard on the other side of the well-kept fence. It was the only home Vesta had ever

known. It seemed to the tired girl that | she could never learn to love another half

Until her mother's death Vesta had been shielded from all troubles. After she had come back from the little burial ground on a hill, she had found occupation and forgetfulness in her efforts to make her father forget his loss. She had even refused to marry Ben Folsom be-cause she had considered it her duty to stay by her father and comfort him in his

Ben had gone West and she was left more than ever alone. Then had come that terrible day, a year and a week after her mother's death, when her father had driven into the yard with Sadje Con nors, who had been teaching school over at the corners, and had announced his

Vesta tried to learn to love this gaunt bustling woman, whose every trait was the antithesis of the woman whose place she took, but the new Mrs. Brewster had repulsed every advance. She hated young persons; she had married to be rid of them, and she treated the stepdaughter

rockers were sent to the attic as too old-fashioned, and two upholstered monstrosities had taken their places. The other memorials of Vesta's mother quickly folowed the rockers to the garret and the nouse was completely changed in appearance, as were the occupants in their att

sold and the household goods to be auctioned off. Mrs. Brewster had decided that the Northwest offered greater opportunities for her husband, and they were to move to Manitoba and start afresh in the wheat belt.

Mrs. Browner had decided to a traveler.

Most useful are clothes bags open at the bottom as well as the top. Instead of turning the bag inside out, the bottom is unbuttoned.

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"Heads up!" There's nothing like it to emphasize the sheer nonimportance of persons who go on foot!

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Mrs. Brewster bustled into the room. "Come and eat some supper," she commanded. "Don't sit there looking as cardboard.

WHAT SHE WEARS

The Russian toque, brought into Parls by a Russian woman of rank, is one of

the smartest things this winter. It is

made either of velvet or fur, with a four-

inch brim resting on the full crown. A toque of the kind brought recently from

Paris is of dark green velvet bordered

with sable, and has a full tawny algrette

. . . . It is no unusual thing for three or four

different kinds of feathers to enter into a

single ornament. Some of the prettiest

bits are made of chicken, duck, and

coque feathers. The domestic goose pro-

vides some of the most useful plumage

for treatment. Another ornament is o

marabou dyed to a metallic blue, and

varied with tiny points of fowls' feathers of an intense jet black.

The latest underwear for the new tight-

fitting skirts beggars description. Bulki-

ness is reduced to a minimum, and a step

farther will carry it out of sight entirely.

It will pay women interested in the ex-

tremes of the styles to watch the incom

ing French underwear this season. In Paris silk tights that fit without a wrin-

kle are worn without petticoats under the

The belt fad of the moment is a plain

strap of leather to accord with the gown

and fastens with a monogram buckle.

These are gold or silver, quite round, the

wearer's initials being set within a fine

rim. The clasp is precisely the width of the belt and so adjusted that it may be

. . . .

Mourning may be very much lightened.

for it is considered perfectly proper to

face black crape hats or bonnets with

kle are works.

put on different bands.

white crepe.

at the side.

what it meant to the girl. Mrs. Brewster turned away

'You'll be hungry by and by," she said, sharply. "There'll be some cold things in the pantry, but I'm not going to make

She busiled out and left Vesta to herself. Wearily the girl rose from the box "Do you sti anl left the house. She could hear her than I do?" There was a very large gap where the father laughing and joking with her step-

bridge that spanned the creek.

and watch the sunset over the fertile The sun had long since dropped below the hills, but the girl's overwrought imagination could conjure up the scenes of the past. She leaned upon the rail and Ben, and—because I want you, too, dear. ooked out across the fields, now bristling

with the frost-kissed stubble. She could see again the glories of the waning day. She could almost hear a voice whispering

Her hands clutched the rough bark of the wood as in memory she lived over away because ste thought it her duty to remain with her father and console him buted by a woman who was cured by it hat night when she had sent Ben Folsom for his loss. She thought of the sharp- through the skill of an old nurse. It is faced woman who was sitting opposite him at the kitchen table, discussing their new home in the West, and then she thought of the gentle-faced woman who who was it sufficiently to say so and still lived in her daughter's heart, if not who wants it sufficiently to say so and in her husband's.

of the packing was accomplished. The and I got the supper, too, but I don't look she never heard the quick tread of an apslender fingers. "Did I startle you?" demanded Ben, as

Vesta, the sobs rising in her throat. To this woman the abandonment of the home meant nothing. She could not understand afternoon and heard the news. Do you want to go to Canada, Vesta?" Slowly the girl shook her head.

"I would rather die," she murmured, passionately. "It is like a second burial go away and leave mother up there on the hill all alone. "And your father?" he asked, gently.

"Do you still feel that he needs you more "How much do you need me?" she de-

mother, and the noise of mirth fell offensively upon her ears.

The dusk was deepening to dark and
the air was chill, but Vesta did not feel
the need of a shawl. She wandered down
the road, past the white gate to the little
bridge that snapped the creek

manded, shyly.

"So much that I have come almost
across the continent to ask you again if
you will marry me," he declared. "I have
done well out West; far better than I
anticipated. I can buy the farm; perhaps
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"So much that I have come almost we can arrange with your father to buy Here she loved to lean upon the rail the furniture, too, and-we will make a new home where the old one was. Are you willing, dear?"

"Not for the sake of a home," said Vesta, softly, "but because you want me. (Copyright, 1908.)

SOME FASHIONS AND FADS

A new East Indian negligee is known as "djibbah," New and stunning combinations are of dead old

Pond lilies in gold and bronze green are used for the coiffure decorations.

Long amazon plumes and beautiful aigrettes have full sway on hats this winter.

Yellow chamois meccasias for bedroom wear, bead ed in pink, blue, and white, are pretty. A beautiful but very expensive innovation is the rich silk rain coat lined with fur.

There are new Grecian robes of white cloth, trin med with "Walls of Troy" in gold. Black furs will have a strong vogue, mink and sealskin having increased so tremendously in cost. A very useful present for a man is a corkscrew elaborate toilettes. The work is of the fixest, and, in response to the Parisian influence, shows touches of

The masculine shoe becomes a thing of real at-Ermine takes a new freak in a hat of the big white dots,

Seen in the Shops.

The ways of the household were amendaded to suit her radical tastes. The old precious stones connected by chains of smite your ears, though it issue from the

A unique parasol handle was a shepherd's crook in the curve of which was

flowers of ribbon, which were painted sugar and blown into the cracks and and put on round pieces of silk-covered crevices of your kitchen woodwork will

"Heads Up!"

Hand embroideries are used more than ever

Wire frames wrapped with ribbon are Is there anything calculated to take the shown to support the hats which have starch out of a fairly self-respecting in-

A black velvet band an inch in width You may be stepping across the street had four small buckles of pearls. This was to be worn around the throat. Other pieces of velvet had temporary of the pieces of the pieces of velvet had temporary of the pieces of the p smallest potatoes capable of handling a horse-yea, even a ten-year-old boy-and instantly you wither into a humiliating consciousness of your utter insignificance, Plaid bags, rubber-lined, are shown to

A CHARMING EMPIRE WRAPPER.

drive away ants.



The craze for cretonne is already forecast in the cretonne hat bands which are the only trimming on some flat sailor shapes intended for outing wear. In the way of hatpins for outing hats there are big disks of embroidered canvas mounted on long pins and thrust through t taffeta trimmings, apparently holding

them in place. Sartorial Hybrids,

They are amusing. Ever reason them out? The tunic effect is Grecian. Girdles are Empire at the back.

Greek key embroidery takes us to Greece again. Sleeves, despite variations, are upon

Spanish lace naturally brings Alfonso's land on the scene.

The Easter Lily. perature of 50 degrees.

possessor be a society woman, a busy standing collar; while the sleeves may be The bolero is but the zouave jacket of housewife, or a business woman, she is the unspeakable Turk.

The bolero is but the zouave jacket of housewife, or a business woman, she is equally glad of a restful garment which or in the three-quarter puff. Silk green water heated to 140 degrees. Don't be equally glad of a restful garment which or in the three-quarter puff. Silk, crepe, water heated to 140 degrees. Don't be may be slipped on during her leisure mo- cashmere, challis, or any soft stuff may ments in the comfort and seclusion of be used for making, 91/2 yards 24 inches her own home. The model shown is a wide being required for the medium size. very attractive one, which may be de- Seven sizes, 32 to 44 inches bust measure. To hasten the flowers of the Easter lily, it should be kept in a temperature of not less than 60 degrees at night; even warmer will be better. After the flowers appearative of 50 degrees are the plant may be kept in a temperature of 50 degrees at night; even warmer of 50 degrees at beading or a wide sash, or it may hang (2784) and size wanted.

A becoming tea gown is one of the loose and straight from the neck. The numerous indispensables of the up-to- yoke may be omitted if desired and the Metal-decked evening scarfs are dis- date feminine wardrobe, for whether the neck finished with either a rolling or a

FROM WOMAN'S POINT OF VIEW

I have just received a bit of paper containing the formula of a remedy for send a self-addressed and stamped envel-So lost was she in her thoughts that ope. I am not permitted to mention in

> A group of women, all of whom had been touched by sickness this winter, were discussing remedies the other day, and it was generally conceeded that medicines were not particularly popular. Common sense and correct living had done more for them than drugs, and they had acted under medical advice at that For the nerves one woman declared for fresh air and sensible periods of rest and for stomach trouble another vouched for the virtues of drinking water, two quarts a day, with perfect mastication of all foods. For emaclation, another has

the party recommended a walk in the fresh air-and an inspection of the gas fittings by a man who knows his business. She related an experience of her own to strengthen her advice. After recovering from an illness she took up her old habit of spending the forenoon in sewing, save when she had social en sewing, save when she had social en-gagements or shopping to be done. She found that her recovery from the effects of illness were not satisfactory as she alternated between good days and those which sent her to bed for part of the time. Her bad feelings easted principally of headache, weakness in the arms and hands, and drowsiness, the latter symptom being regarded by her doctor Soping brim, which is rather wide.

Soft plush hats for men, in brown and gray, are displayed by smart hatters, who say they are the newest thing for motoring and golfing. as a serious matter,

On one of these bad days a member of Pony coats and but coats have long sieves and the household sought her in the little narrow shawl collars; the half-fitted coats are of hip, three-quarter, and full length.

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Whole skins are used in handsome neckpieces, so arranged that they cross at the back, and often one single animal is used for the neckpiece.

A dainty present for a woman is a little round vanity box of dull gold, with a single diamond set in the lid. It holds powder puff and powder.

Neckpieces and muffs are trimmed with numerous heads and tails. The heads are softer and more natural in their mounting than they have been of recent years. and supplied new fixtures the next day.

The woman has been steadily improve ing in health every day, because she has day, when the sun is strongest, and she months. A young woman who has been in poor health all winter has cast aside perishable materials underneath. The dividual like the autocratic cry of that the doctors who did not accomplish more daintiest of these have small sachets suspended from the top of the frame.

The dividual like the autocratic cry of that the doctors who did not accomplish more than to keep her out of bed a part of the time, in favor of an automobile which is in commission every day when the weath-

THE TOILET TABLE

If You Fear a Felon.

eral times each day lightly pressing the eyeballs. Always rub from the nose to-

ward the temples. Also dash the eyes frequently with cold water; in fact, when-

Removing Cinders from the Eye. A simple remedy for removing cinders from the eye is to dip a small and perfectly clean camel's hair brush in water Of course, this remedy is not suggested for the train, where no one could get the brush.

Headache and Cold Feet.

Often it is found that a chronic sufferer from headache also complains of cold feet. This shows bad circulation, and it should be strengthened. A simple and helpful remedy is to bathe the feet in cold water night and morning and rul briskly with a flesh brush or Turkish

Hair Cleanliness.

A distinguished physician states that rarely contracts contagious diseases. This a white muslin blouse. This is to be place. This change is most remarked in grants and the poorer classes, declares that when the hair is allowed to become while the straw hat also has a fouch of dirty and matted it is almost impossible the cretonne. to escape infection.

THE TOUCH OF GREEN.

It is chic just now.

a black evening gown. A green ribbon of the same shade should be wound about the hair. As a last touch a large green chiffon shawl is wrapped about the figure.

USE IT GENTLY.

Tearing, pulling, or breaking the hair by rough combing and brushing is injurious to the scalp, and may in time destroy the hair follicles.

fore using either a comb or brush on it. Do not brush jerkily; instead, give long,

cup thin cream or milk, one pint oysters, one cup buttered cracker crumbs, sait and pepper. Melt the butter in the blazer and add the cream. When hot add half the oysters, which should be cleaned and thoroughly drained. Sprinkle with salt and pepper, and add half the crumbs. Add remaining oysters, more salt and pepper, and remaining crumbs. Cover and cook until the oysters are plump, and serve at once.

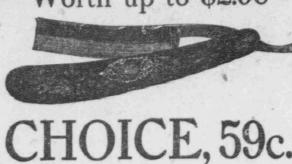
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offered the entire collection of samples when taken up for the season. And these are the goods offered Not one razor worth less than \$1.50, and up to \$2.98 There are probably a hundred styles—large and small blades, partial and full hollow ground; bone, rubber, composition, metal, and celluloid handles in almost innumerable shapes. All offered at the one price, 59c, Sale, First Floor, Formal Tables.

not buy two or three for husband, son, or brother?

THE MAID AND MATRON

Party raiment for little folks in dancing of lavender colienne, made after a simple classes is the vital topic in sewing- but effective model. The waist is plaited rooms where boys and girls are fitted out.
The shops are displaying many fancy
French dresses for gala seasons, made of
trimmed with applique in the same tone as the dress. The elbow sleeves are soft silks and of lawns and lace, but the specially graceful. soft silks and of lawns and lace, but the specially graceful.

average child, growing like a weed, is not Extremely wide borders of black on HAWTHORNE'S BEAUTIFUL WONDER TALES. indulged in the imported costume which handkerchiefs, no paper and cards, are is purchased by the few.

dancing class. A small girl wore a scarlet The shop windows are full of the shim A quaint little costume appeared at a coat with mannish collar and cuffs of mer of spring silks at astonishingly low the doctors who did not accomplish more buff, and a man's silk hat set on her wee prices. Light-weight frocks of these pretty were allowed a wide range in feminine tion.

For a valentine party a pretty girl's with black-edged embroidery uses an incostume can be made of white net decorated with wreaths of red hearts, and the masquerades afford a play of the odd additions to a trousseau. Of course once put rock salt in the even, pulverize

Society has decreed a greater deference to mourning costumes than has been seen in some time. Crape veils are not obligatory, though black and the tasteful Greek key border and designs of that

signed for those in affiction. he New Idea Woman's Magazine recommends: Cashmere silk-warp henrietta, border in darker gray silk. Another gown crepe de chine, and louisine silk are ap- showed an elaborate trimming made of propriate for these dresses. An attractive several colors of heavy floss silk that proprincess gown of crepe de chine is made duced an Oriental effect.

for the second mourning is shown. It is on it.

Fads for the South.

One of the fashion straws which show mer is a fascinating little cretonne jacket, and circular gored. As for the trimming fastened on the breast with one large button, and from that opening to show the blast folds are disappearing with the pleats and circular folds are taking their worn in Florida with a linen skirt, and the walking costume, which for so many

smart dressing is concerned, is a serge skirt is long and trailing. cutaway with long basques, fastening It includes the kid slippers of rich laurel green.

With three buttons, and in either black or blue. This is a "separate" coat, and These are very elegant when worn with will be distinctly modish with either. It seems idle to ask people in these tub frocks or tweeds and cheviots.

and which will create a kind of revolu- works of Stedman not only genuine tion in the shirt-waist line, is a tailored poetry from the point of view of craftswaist of white washable tulle, made very manship, but an idealism that was all the of the white linen shirt waist. It is stead of the fancy of a mere speculative lined only as high as an ordinary corset cover would come, has long tucked sleeves, and fastens down the front with six pearl studs. This tulle is said not ways thread it first with the fingers be-

Palm Beach to Miami is of a new silk called motora. Like pongee, it is washable, only heavier, and proof against spots. It is of natural color, with bine country and also sang it. collar and cuffs, and to be worn with a blue-trimmed tan straw hat and a tiny double-breasted vest of the motora silk. Dr. Welr Mitchell on Water.

During a recent period of bad weather

when the water supply was unusually

muddy, a young woman of Philadelphia

asked Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, the author

and physician, how she could best safe-

guard herself in drinking the local bev-erage. "First boil it." Dr. Mitchell anerage. "First boll it." Dr. Mitchell an-swered, then filter it, and afterwarddrink ginger ale. Mark Twain's Sailor Story.

Mark Twain was talking about a play

that had failed. "No wonder it failed," he said. "It's author was a greenhorn. He knew no more of stagecraft than young Tom Bowl-

no longer considered in good taste. The rich color.

Table and chiffon neck ruffs of quite passable a habit of keeping a window open to sarrhers can now be purchased for about \$3. They cather vamps.

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head, the hat slipping down to her ears. fabrics are very serviceable. Cheeks and Now and then boyish costumes of knick- stripes rival for favor. The checks are erbockers are worn, but it is preferred larger than the pinheads of last season to keep girls in their petticoats. The and there are artistic plaids in black and boys who frolicked as girls wore rampart white and blue and white and green and bows of ribbon on their heads, big hats, green and white. Pale blue and nile eashes, fancy waists and aprons, and green make a fresh, attractive combina-To be real smart, the petticoat frilled

magination in the impersonation of the colored embroidery skirts are worn service wear. The reds and blues give a Society has decreed a greater deference note of color to children's clothing.

arrangements of lavender and gray and order are preferred and are drawn by white of half mourning have been de- hand through the net. For a dainty gown a set of trimmings may be planned For house gowns on receiving the visits of a wash net, and the design run with for house gowns on receiving the visits silver thread or gold thread.

A gray gown worn at a recent reception

fectly clean camel's hair brush in water and pass it over the ball of the eye. This operation requires little skill and generally removes all particles of dust instantly without danger of inflammation.

Of course this remove it is not suggested by the description of the same of a waist of heavy cream wash net employed. A woman does not ordinarily go from broidered with narrow blue silk braid or with handsome black silk braid is very s generally a transition stage known as small for the materials. The chief exsecond mourning, during which she wears pense lies in the designing and in the gray, lavender and white. A pretty dress handwork which the sewers must put up-

Exit the Pleats.

The pleated skirt is rapidly disap which way the wind will blow next sumthe width of the bias bands. Skirts are A successor to the covert coat, which long ago had its deathblow so far as tume inclined at all to formality the

days to read poetry, especially that of a recently dead man. But those who have Another distinct novelty for the South, the taste and the leisure will find in the severely and designed to take the place better for being in and of the world inwhen he went home at night and sat An automobile coat that will spin from down to sing rationally and delightfully



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